

FSA At Work Across Washington State - FY 2003

The USDA Farm Service Agency delivered more than \$407.8 million in payments and loans to Washington State farmers and ranchers during FY 2003. These payments came from new or enhanced programs created by the 2002 Farm Bill. This is almost double the amount of payments and loans made to producers in FY 2002.

Price Support: \$226.1 million

Washington State producers received \$226,150,373 in support during FY2003: \$172,378,060 in direct payments and \$53,772,313 in commodity loans. These programs help improve and promote the economic stability of agricultural communities and ensure equitable delivery of program benefits and services.

\$48,842,468 - Direct And Counter Cyclical

Program (DCP) - The 2002 Farm Bill replaced production flexibility contract (PFC) payments with direct payments, and added new counter-cyclical payments for the 2002-2007 crops. Both payments are based on historical acreage bases and payment yields and not on current production. Counter-cyclical payments are made when the effective price for eligible commodities is less than the target price. There were no counter-cyclical payments made in FY 2003.

\$96,890 - The Lamb Meat Assistance Program

(LMAAP) assisted producers who suffered financial losses due to a depressed market.

\$4,785,868 - Loan Deficiency Payments (LDPs) were made to producers who agreed to forgo the loan in return for a payment on the eligible commodity. LDP provisions allow compensation when market prices are low, as long as the producer maintains beneficial interest in the commodity.

\$87,401,575 - Apple Market Loss (AMLAP) provided economic assistance to apple producers for market losses.

\$30,408,519 - Milk Income Loss Contract Payments (MILC). This program financially compensates dairy producers when domestic milk prices fall below a specified level. The program is authorized by the 2002 Farm Bill and has no set funding level.

\$53,772,313 - Commodity Loans were made available to eligible producers who use stored crops as collateral. The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) makes loans for eligible commodities and are issued as "non-recourse" or "recourse" depending on the quality and/or moisture content of the commodity.

\$842,740 - All other price support programs.

Conservation \$ 82.6 million

FSA has invested \$82,625,777 in Washington State's conservation programs. By assisting owners and operators in conserving and improving soil, water, and wildlife resources we all help protect our most fragile farmland. The Conservation Reserve Program is the USDA's single largest environmental improvements program as well as one of the most effective. Our conservation partnerships include:

\$77,284,099 - Conservation Reserve Program is a voluntary program providing financial incentives to producers who convert highly erodible cropland or environmentally sensitive acreage to long-term vegetative cover.

\$298,733 - Emergency Conservation Program provides cost-share funds to rehabilitate farmland damaged by natural disasters or for carrying out conservation measures during periods of severe drought.

\$1,112,310 - Wetlands Reserve Program is a voluntary program that provides financial incentives to enhance wetlands in exchange for retiring marginal agricultural land.

\$3,733,597 - Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a voluntary, locally-led conservation program that provides technical, financial and educational assistance. Producers sign 5-10 year contracts to implement conservation plans.

\$197,038 - All other conservation programs.

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Disaster Assistance: \$24.8 million

Producers received \$24,890,915 in disaster assistance programs during FY2002. From drought to flood, freeze to tornadoes, natural disasters can severely hurt even the best run agricultural operation.

\$10,772,531 - Livestock Compensation Program. provided direct payments to eligible producers in counties that received a Presidential or Secretarial disaster declaration for 2001 or 2002.

\$12,475,134 - Crop Disaster Assistance Programs help compensate producers who suffered crop losses due to adverse weather and other natural disasters in FY2001 and FY 2002.

\$1,643,250 - Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program. This program covers crops for which crop insurance is unavailable. (This figure is for payments made in FY 2003, and does not reflect the actual amount that producers applied for.)

Farm Loans: \$74.3 million

In FY 2003 FSA made \$74,330,130 in direct and guaranteed operating loans, farm ownership loans and emergency loans to Washington State eligible farmers and ranchers who operate family-sized farms and who were temporarily unable to obtain private or commercial credit.

\$57,792,040 - Guaranteed Loan Program. FSA guarantees loans made by conventional agricultural lenders for up to 95% of any loss. In FY 2003 FSA made 52 farm ownership loans and 213 guaranteed operating loans.

\$16,538,090 - Direct Loan Program. FSA provides assistance to those unable to obtain guaranteed loans. In FY2003 FSA made 210 guaranteed operating loans and 11 farm ownership loans.

Program Payments By County* - \$277,567,591

Adams	\$19,948,698	Grays Harbor	\$758,881	Pierce	\$834,283
Asotin	\$3,449,161	Island	\$289,142	San Juan	\$20,174
Benton	\$12,417,304	Jefferson	\$284,411	Skagit	\$4,529,208
Chelan	\$8,962,295	King	\$2,067,828	Skamania	\$3,893
Clallam	\$289,054	Kitsap	\$37,438	Snohomish	\$3,590,088
Clark	\$817,215	Kittitas	\$1,651,711	Spokane	\$6,713,659
Columbia	\$5,651,846	Klickitat	\$7,290,380	Stevens	\$2,597,682
Cowlitz	\$221,155	Lewis	\$2,298,861	Thurston	\$871,976
Douglas	\$18,547,189	Lincoln	\$13,403,140	Wahkiakum	\$282,452
Ferry	\$314,684	Mason	\$6,454	Walla Walla	\$16,938,802
Franklin	\$14,908,642	Okanogan	\$13,770,318	Whatcom	\$14,052,461
Garfield	\$6,427,900	Pacific	\$961,762	Whitman	\$25,730,309
Grant	\$25,644,374	Pend Oreille	\$186,474	Yakima	\$40,796,287

*** Does not include farm loans, commodity loans, or adjustments from previous programs.**

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